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In re Application of : **BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

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For: **THERMOPLASTIC COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING A CROSSLINKED PHASE**

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2001, please consider the following remarks.

**REMARKS**

The claims in the case are 20-40 with claims 21, 22, 24-29, 31, 33-37, 39 and 40 being withdrawn.

**Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph**

Claims 20, 23, 30, 32 and 38 stand rejected as allegedly containing subject matter not described in the specification in such a way to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention. Particularly, the Action alleges that:

1. there are no other forms of (A) and examples of (C) *sic* revealed anywhere else in the specification besides page 3, lines 16-18, and page 5, lines 11-15;
2. there is not even any generic terminology which would enable one skilled in the art to prepare (A) and (C) other than the specifically named copolymers;
3. it is questionable that a composition comprising non-polymerized glycidyl (meth)acrylate as (A), ethylene-maleic anhydride copolymer as (B) and non-polymerized (meth)acrylic or maleic acid as (C) would provide an operable crosslinked phase within the confines of the disclosed and claimed subject matter; and
4. the copolymers deemed to be within the generic categories of unsaturated epoxide (A) and unsaturated carboxylic acid (C) do not conform to the definition of those terms